Title: Need to establish a fishing harbour at Colachel and a fish landing centre at Thengapattanam, Tamil Nadu -laid.

SHRI N. DENNIS (NAGERCOIL): It is the long standing need, necessity and demand of the fishermen of Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu who live along the west coast to establish a fishing harbour at Colachel and a fish landing centre at Thengapattanam. It has become a very urgent public necessity to establish the same in the places mentioned above as the natural berthing places and operational facilities of their fishing vessels have been completely damaged due to frequent sea erosions. Thus, their survival is severely threatened as they could not operate their fishing vessels and go for fishing. They are fully depending on fishing which is their sole occupation. But, fishing there is severely affected. So, they go for fishing in other parts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and other States of our country where they face stiff resistance from the local fishermen.

So, I urge upon the Government to consider the urgent necessity of the establishment of a fishing harbour at Colachel and a fish landing centre at Thengapattanam of Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu at the earliest.